

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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July 29, 2013

Hecla Mining Company 6500 N. Mineral Dr. Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-9408

Attn: Paul Glader, P.E., Manager, Environmental Services

Re: Johnny M Mine Site

Dear Mr. Glader:

We have finished the review of the Draft Site Investigation Report for Hecla Limited dated March 2013 prepared by your contractor ERG. This report was presented to US EPA to fulfill the requirements of the Settlement Agreement and Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action between Hecla Limited, New Mexico Land LLC (NML) and EPA. We have enclosed our comments to this report.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 214 789-1713.

Sincerely.

Jon Rinehart

On Scene Coordinator